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Oliver Sacks, renowned physician and author, named commencement speaker; DPN leadership award, honorary degree, and professor emerita recipients announced

Dr. Oliver Sacks will be the keynote speaker at Gallaudet's 136th commencement exercises on May 13. Sacks and noted educator Dr. Oscar P. Cohen will receive honorary doctorate degrees from the University.

Sacks is a physician, writer, and clinical professor of neurology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. His book, *Seeing Voices*, focuses on American Sign Language and the conflicts between those who seek to teach people who are prelingually deaf to communicate via voice and lip reading, and those who maintain that sign language is by far a more effective method of communication. His book also explains the remarkable impact of the 1988 Deaf President Now protest at

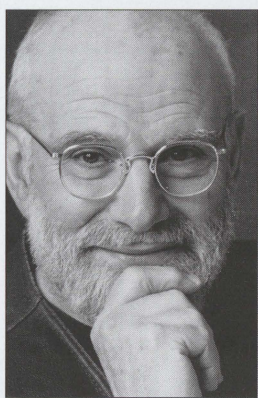


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Oliver Sacks

Gallaudet on American deaf culture.

Cohen is the former chief administrator of the Lexington School for the Deaf/Center for the Deaf, the largest school in New York State for students who are

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Government and neighborhood officials, including President Jordan (left of pole), cut the ribbon symbolizing the opening of the Metro station at a November 20 ceremony.

Metro station opening promises new opportunities for the community

With the snip of a ribbon, a long-neglected corridor of Northeast Washington, D.C., was symbolically reborn November 20 with the opening of the New York Avenue-Florida Avenue-Gallaudet University Metrorail station. At a jubilant opening celebration, a host of public and private officials spoke of the promise that the station will bring to the rapidly-growing section of the city known as NoMa (north of Massachusetts Avenue).

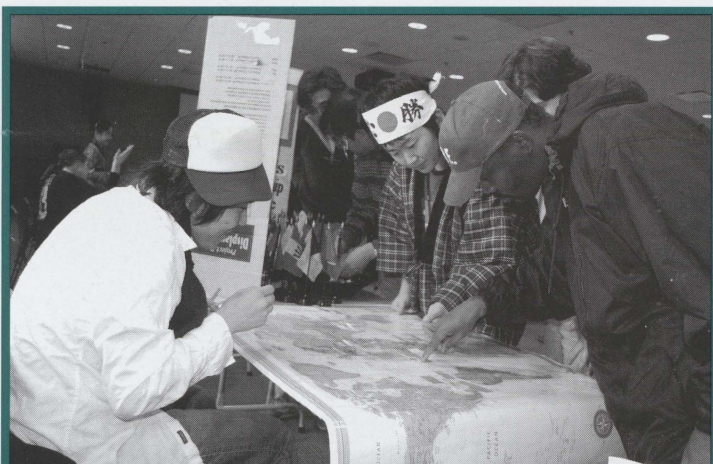
"We're ending the transportation isolation in this neighborhood," said Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC). The occasion caused Norton to wax poetic, saying, "This station is like the first blossoms of spring: When you see this you know more is coming." Indeed, the area is transforming into a gateway to new prosperity, thanks to businesses like XM Satellite Radio, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice that will soon relocate there, and stylish new retail and service shops. The station also serves to join the long-neglected Northeast neighborhood with the District's downtown, said Mayor Anthony Williams, who added, "God bless you on this special

date."

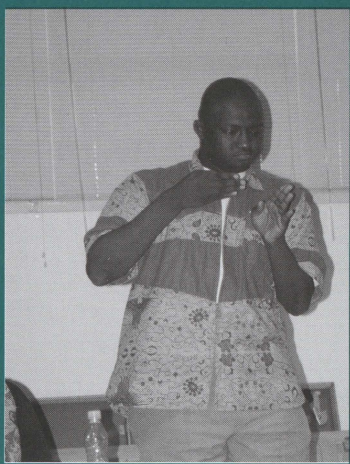
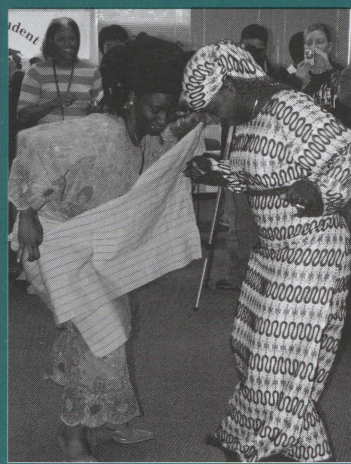
The sparkling new station on Metro's Red Line, with its 30-foot glass oak leaf sculpture, a symbol of the city's official tree, stands in stark contrast to its former life, said Gladys Mack, second vice president for WMATA's Board of Directors. Mack described the site as an "urban wasteland" characterized by "neglect, deterioration, and decay." But today the landscape is transforming, she said, "and the new station is just an example of that."

President Jordan said that the opening of the station broadens the opportunities for the Gallaudet community to study and learn, but he added, "It also gives the opportunity for people to learn about Gallaudet." Dr. Jordan made reference to Ward One council member Jim Graham's joke earlier in the program regarding the station's lengthy title. Graham said that it rivaled the number of words in his own ward—the U Street, African American Civil War Memorial, Cardozo station. Wordiness aside, since the new station includes the University's name, "nobody at Gallaudet is complaining about it!" said Jordan.

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The ethnic and cultural diversity of Gallaudet's student body is one of the University's strongest assets. The immeasurable contributions that each international student brings to Kendall Green was celebrated during Gallaudet's recognition of International Education Week, held November 15 to 19. The week featured discussions on topics such as volunteer opportunities outside of the United States for students, the benefits and challenges of foreign study, international development with deaf communities, and imagining the bleakness of a campus community without international students. There were also entertaining, educational activities at a November 17 International Festival featuring dance, crafts, food, culture, and fashion. The week's events were sponsored by the Office of International Programs and Services, Multicultural Student Programs, the Mentoring Program, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, the International Student Club, the English Language Institute (ELI) Students Organization, and the Asian-Pacific Association. Above, Nishio Masaki of Japan, sitting behind a world map, helps students Mitsuyoshi Yabe of Japan (left) and Vita Marcelino of Angola pin tags on their home country; Below (left), ELI students Olatokunbo Ogunbayo (left) and Shwepmwa Vwarji, both of Nigeria, demonstrate dance steps to a delighted audience; and (right) Le Toudjida Allara, an ELI student, makes a point during a panel discussion entitled "Impact of the International Community on Gallaudet's Academic Culture." Other panelists were Hend Alshowaier, a student from Saudi Arabia, Dr. Laurene Gallimore, an associate professor in the Education Department, Dr. Joseph Kinner, associate professor in the Department of Government and History, and Lindsay Dunn, special assistant to the president for advocacy.



The inclusion of Gallaudet's name on the new Metro station gives heightened visibility to the University.



The 30-foot steel and aluminum sculpture of a scarlet oak leaf by Barbara Grygutis, with the poem "Journeys," by D.C. Poet Laureate Dolores Kendrick, is a distinctive addition to the new station.



ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,
I have a question about gift etiquette for you. Some of the people in my office would like to give the person from University Housekeeping a Christmas gift because she does such a wonderful job cleaning our offices. However, a couple of others are saying that she is just doing the job she's paid for [like we are] and if we give her a gift it's because she's a minority and we feel sorry for her. I don't think I feel sorry for her, it's just that I have come to know about her life and her family and realize she could use some extra cash—and that she doesn't make all that much money compared to what I or my co-workers make. But I don't want her to feel insulted, that's for sure. Advice?

Sincerely Sensitive

Dear SS,

Why one gives a gift, as well as the manner in which it is bestowed to another, are key elements to the giving process. In this case, Auntie concludes that your motive is certainly on the side of the angels. Also, there is little doubt in my mind that you will handle the presentation of the gift with a sensitivity that will insure dignity to, and enkindle joy in, the person receiving your token of appreciation. Happy holidays to you and all good-hearted givers!



Gallaudet's Scholars Dinner, held November 22, honored 377 high-achieving students this semester who obtained the status of President's Scholars. Addressing the students was Larry Pearce, a biological laboratory technician at The National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a member of the Class of '95. Pearce said that the National Cancer Institute has the lofty goal of eliminating suffering and deaths due to cancer by 2015. He talked about research being done on Capsaicin, a naturally-occurring compound in hot peppers that has been used historically as a pain killer. Pearce also informed the students that the NIH offers one-year fellowships to qualified individuals, including recent college graduates, to do lab work. Here, President Jordan presents Pearce with President's Scholars T-shirts for himself and his wife, Catherine Valcourt-Pearce, production editor for the Clerc Center.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Service awards for October

Five years:

Mohammad Obiedat, associate professor, Mathematics and Computer Science; **Maria Miguel**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Christina Sigler**, associate director of major gifts, Development Office; **Lynda Myers**, president's fellow, Social Work

Ten years:

Mercy Coogan, director, Public Relations; **Mary Ferguson**, assistant teacher, Child Development Center; **Lori Lutz**, evaluation associate, Clerc Center

Fifteen years:

Barbara Locks, personnel services assistant II, Human Resources

Twenty years:

Carol Traxler, research scientist II, Gallaudet Research Institute

Twenty-five years:

Susan King, director, Graduate School and Professional Programs Technical and Information Services; **Charles Bryant**, safety technician, Transportation Department

New employees hired in October

Claire Bernstein, audiologist, Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center hearing enhancement, Hearing, Speech, and

Language Sciences; **Richard Cutlip Jr.**, supervisor, vehicle repair/maintenance, Transportation Department; **Chrisleen Dixon**, executive secretary, office of the vice president, Administration and Finance; **Nicole Goldberg**, teacher, Child Development Center; **David Harper**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Joshua Hughes**, scheduler/interpreter, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Ka-Wai Ng**, junior clinical and research engineering technician, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences; **Amy Quaynot**, teacher aide, Clerc Center; **Fayiah Kamara**, **Raymond Rusten**, **Sherita Simms**, **Anthony Slater**, **Tereek Wynn**, public safety officers, Department of Public Safety

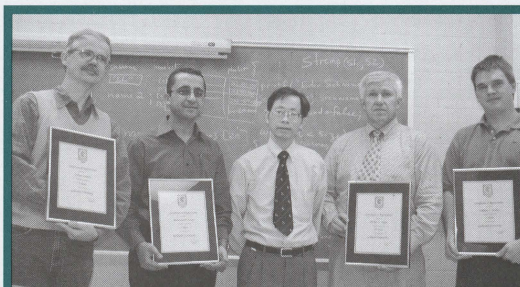
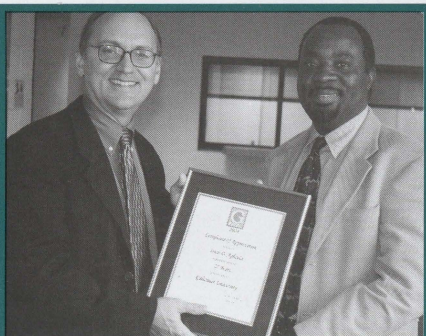
Promotions in October

Brent Klassen, senior payroll specialist, Human Resources; **Ryan Kempton**, supervisor, payroll, Human Resources; **Marylynn Boswell**, manager, payroll and Human Resource Information Systems, Human Resources; **Elaine Vance**, director, Human Resources

Retirements in October

Daniel Kirby, Construction Services; **George Rountree**, Department of Public Safety; **Kurt Schneidmiller**, Institutional Research; **Floria Speight**, Maintenance Services

Graduate School and Professional Programs Dean **Thomas Allen** (left) congratulates Business Department Chair **Isaac Agboola** for 20 years of service to Gallaudet.



Department of Mathematics and Computer Science Chair **Fat Lam** (center) recognizes department faculty members receiving service awards from the University:

(from left) **Zoltan Szekely**, associate professor (five years), **Mohammad Obiedat**, associate professor (five years), **Herbert Mapes**, associate professor (35 years), and **William Millios**, assistant professor (five years).

AMONG OURSELVES

Communication Studies Department faculty members **Dr. Beth Benedict**, assistant professor, **Dr. Patricia Foley**, associate professor, **Dr. Robert Harrison**, department chair, **Dr. Jane Norman**, professor, **Dr. Lillie Ransom**, associate professor, and **Dr. Stephen Weiner**, associate professor, participated in the annual convention of the National Communication Association, held in Chicago, Ill., in mid-November. Foley received an award from the Environmental Communication Division for having her paper, entitled "The Gift of Mt. Holyoke: Creating a Sense of Place Through Ritual Communication," judged one of the top four papers reviewed by the division; she was also elected to the board of the Disability Issues Caucus.

Lynn Ray Boren, assistant athletic director for the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, recently coached the Model Secondary School for the Deaf girls volleyball team to victory over the Maret School to win the 2004 Independent School League AA Volleyball Championship. The team ended the season with a 21-14 record.

Dr. Jane Hurst, chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, presided over the first sign interpreted session of the annual meeting of her professional association, the American Academy of Religion (AAR), in its 40-year history. The meeting was held in San Antonio, Tex., November 19 to 23. Hurst chaired an AAR session entitled "Ethnic and Disability Diversity in the Religious Experience." In attendance at the meeting was **Rev. Kirk Van Gilder**, former Methodist chaplain at Gallaudet, who also served as head of the Office of Campus Ministries. Van Gilder, who is deaf, is pursuing his doctorate at Boston University. Hurst and Van Gilder participated in a panel discussion entitled "Teaching Students with Disabilities." They began with a signed conversation, with no voice interpretation, to demonstrate to this hearing group the importance of accessibility. Each of them will contribute an article, "Teaching Students with Disabilities," to the AAR newsletter that will appear in early 2005.

Dr. Jane Norman, a professor in the Department of Communication Studies, receives her 25-year service award from department chair Robert Harrison.



Department of Government and History Chair **Russell Olson** receives his 35-year service award from CLAST Dean **Karen Kimmel**.



Honored at an October 15 retirement ceremony in "Ole Jim" were **Brenda Johnson**, a custodian and floor maintenance worker in Custodial Services for 30 years, and **Floria Speight**, a mechanic in Maintenance Services, who worked at the University for 29 years. Johnson most recently worked in the Mary Thornberry Building, Peet Hall, and "Ole Jim." Speight started her career at Gallaudet as a custodian, and in 1979 was promoted to mechanic, becoming the only female in Maintenance Services. Pictured are (from left): **Michael Delauder**, maintenance supervisor, **Speight**, **Johnson**, **Carl Prince**, custodial manager, and **Sue Loggins**, custodial supervisor.



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Commencement speaker and award recipients announced


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deaf and hard of hearing and a past president of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf. He is especially known for his sensitivity to and support of deaf children who have backgrounds that are linguistically, racially, and ethnically diverse. Many current leaders in deaf education consider Cohen their mentor and role model.

Other honorees at next May's Commencement include Dr. Nancy Kensicki, who will be awarded professor emerita status, and Dr. Gerald "Bummy" Burstein, who will receive the 2005 DPN Leadership Award.

Kensicki retired from Gallaudet last spring after a stellar 35-year teaching career. Her students greatly valued her innovative teaching style and command of the lan-

guage, as well as her willingness to go the extra mile to help them achieve academically. Kensicki served as chair of the English Department for eight years and as a member of the Faculty Senate.

Burstein's devotion to Gallaudet is legendary. Since his undergraduate days in the 1950s and throughout his career as an educator, Burstein has served and supported his alma mater with great generosity, wisdom, and consistency, particularly through his work with the Gallaudet University Alumni Association. Burstein received an honorary doctorate degree from Gallaudet in 1986. 

Drills heighten awareness of emergency preparedness

On November 3, students stopped their studies, dropped their books, and by the hundreds, filed down to the safe areas of their dormitories during a drill that was testing the response time and effectiveness of the Gallaudet University Emergency Notification System.

"In the post 9/11 world, we have to have different kinds of drills to prepare for possible chemical, biological, and radiological scenarios," said Carl Pramuk, dean of Student Affairs.

The test's success depends on the effectiveness of the "alert-on" notification system that has been instituted by the University's Crisis Management Team (CMT) and promoted to students through literature distributed during their freshman orientation. The alert-on's functions are to communicate school closings, major or minor city emergencies that impact Gallaudet, regional emergency alerts, and drills.

Alert-on is a listserv that sends emergency information to faculty, teacher, staff, and student subscribers via e-mail, pagers, cell phones (with text capability), laptops, PCs, and PDAs. In addition, the CMT is considering a network "interruption" service, called CENS (Computer Emergency Notification System) that will allow all users connected to the Gallaudet computer network to be notified of emergencies through a system-distributed pop-up window on their computer screens. Also being considered is a cable TV notification system.

Audio alerts through a public address system obviously aren't an option at Gallaudet, and visual fire alarm signals also have drawbacks. When a fire alarm goes off, many people are accustomed to heading outside. In a chemical, radiological,

or biological attack, people would be safer inside. Hence, an electronic medium that would be able to notify the most people with the least confusion possible is necessary.


For the latest test, students on the listserv were sent to the safe areas of their buildings to test the effectiveness in communicating emergency information to the listserv and to identify issues arising out of the use of alert-on.

"It takes a considerable amount of time before an alert-on message arrives to e-mail pagers," said Pramuk. An ideal time frame for notification would be within five minutes of distribution. "We're not there yet. We are researching methods of addressing signal strength."

Likewise, there are many students who have not yet registered on the listserv despite promotional literature that was given during orientation and is available on the web and in print media through the Campus Life Office.

To address these issues, the CMT is also using staff notification for students in the dorms. Student workers were deployed in the November 3 drill, which helped cover the information gap for student residents.

Pramuk called the November 3 drill the most successful exercise to date. "Residents and dormitory staff were more prepared, the students were cooperative, and offered many perspectives for discussion after the drill," he said.

For information on signing up for the listserv and emergency preparedness, go to: emergency.gallaudet.edu/ 

CAMPUS CALENDAR

December

10—Fall semester classes end; Applications due for December and May graduation eligibility; Last day for spring consortium registration; Last day for Graduate students to change incomplete grades from the previous semester or to withdraw with WP/WF grade.

13—Study Day

14-17—Final Exam period

18—Winter Break begins; dorms close at noon

20—All grades due from faculty, 4 p.m.

24-January 2—Winter Break, campus closed

January

3—Campus opens

10—New student arrival day and orientation

12—Visiting student orientation

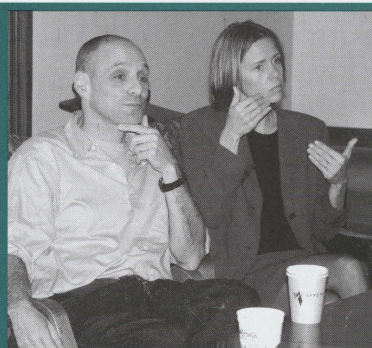
14—Business registration for new undergraduate students

17—Martin Luther King holiday; Dorms open at 10 a.m. for returning students

18—Spring semester classes begin; Business registration; New graduate student orientation, 9 a.m.

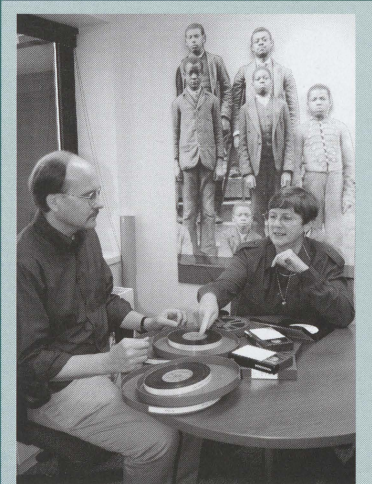
20—Inauguration Day, staff holiday, classes in session

21—Last day to register for spring semester; Last day for undergraduate students to ADD/DROP courses



Eric Schlosser, author of *Fast Food Nation*, an expose' on the fast-food industry, takes questions on November 19 from students in English professor Leslie Rach's "English 120" class, plus first-year Honors students, in the College Hall Lyceum before Schlosser's presentation to the campus. The following day he met with first-year Honors students who read his book for their fall semester focus on "Nutrition and the American Diet," which

connected "Intro. to Biology" and Honors English. (Also pictured is interpreter Amanda Mueller.)



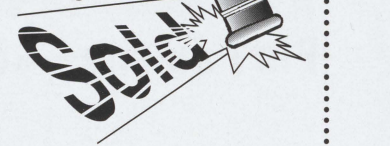
Archives technician Michael Olson receives a restored film from the collection of Rev. Robert and Estelle Fletcher from their daughter, Roberta Fletcher Ray. Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher are alumni of Gallaudet from the Classes of 1926 and 1928, respectively. Rev. Fletcher, who went on to graduate from the Philadelphia (Pa.) Divinity School, was the sole Episcopal minister for black and white deaf congregations in nine Southern states from the 1930s to the 1950s, at which time he focused his efforts on churches in Alabama until his retirement in the 1970s. The Fletchers gained an extraordinary following in the Southern deaf community, not only as religious leaders, but for helping deaf people find homes, jobs, and even spouses. The couple's collection

includes seven films, numerous photographs and slides, newspaper clippings, and address books for each of the churches in Rev. Fletcher's expansive territory. According to Jean Bergey, director of the "History Through Deaf Eyes" project and who is overseeing the film restoration, "The donation is revealing from an historical perspective; it's a look at a half-century of church life in the deaf South." Ray, of Hallieford, Va., is one of the Fletchers' four children, who include Louise Fletcher, an Academy Award-winning actress and an honorary degree recipient from Gallaudet. The film that Ray is shown giving to Olson has been titled *Dixie Home for the Aged Deaf* because it comprises Rev. Fletcher's calls for fund raising for the former Moultrie, Fla., home, and narrative from its residents. The mid-1930s film was in a serious state of decay when it was taken to a Rockville, Md., photo lab, where it was subjected to six weeks of treatment before it could be safely run through a processor and copied first from negative to positive film, then to Beta and DVD formats. Care was taken to find the correct film speed, so that the sign language would be clear to the viewer. The other six films are currently being restored; their content is not yet known. The collection of Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher will soon be available in the Archives for the public to see.

Teresa Arcari, director of field instruction in the Department of Social Work, receives her 25-year service award from Dr. Martha Sheridan, MSW program director.



Going once...
Going twice...




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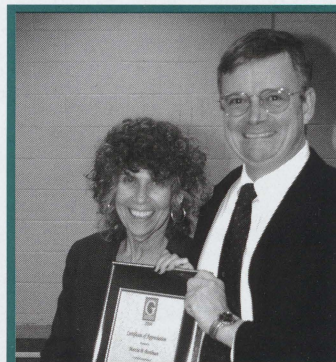
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New Metro station

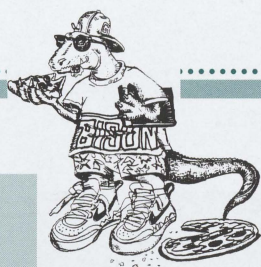
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The new station also garnered praise in other ways. Robert Smith, chairman of the board for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), noted that this is the first time in the United States that a station has been built between existing stations, and while it doesn't add to the length of the 103-mile system, he said it will bring "hundreds, if not thousands of new customers." The station is also unique because it is the only one in the world to be funded by government and private interests; the \$103.7 million to build the station was shared equally by local government, federal government, and business.

What is perhaps equally impressive is that the station was built on schedule in four years, on budget, and with minimal disruption to service, according to Richard White, general manager and CEO for WMATA. White called the task of separating the tracks and building the station while maintaining operations on the Red Line, which carries 36 percent of Metro's patrons, "an extraordinary challenge. . . . I have never seen a project like this in my career with this level of complexity." 



English Department Chair David Pancost congratulates Dr. Marcia Bordman, a professor in the department, for 35 years of service to the University.



Stu•dent•sau•rus

(stōo•dant•soar•us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.



Faculty member shares American recipes with the French

Pia Paulone—striving to excel

Pia Marie Paulone, a member of the Class of '07 and a student tour guide for the Visitors Center, is a case study in the type of personality that strives for excellence.

As a student at the Indiana School for the Deaf, Paulone was invited to participate in CALYPS30, a program at the Indiana School for the Deaf and Indian Creek High School that, according to its website, collaborates art and languages with young people in scuba diving, space, and science opportunities. It is made possible through the efforts of NASA Life Sciences Outreach and "the generosity of an anonymous benefactor." The initiative paid off in Paulone's case and stimulated an avid interest in marine biology.

Pushing herself to excel in her studies brought Paulone to Gallaudet on the Edward Miner Gallaudet President's Scholarship, an award that gives excelling students an all-expenses-paid education at the University.

Paulone has a lifelong love of reading. Her dorm bookshelf is crammed with books. "I can easily spend \$150 to \$200 a month just on books," she said, adding that reading everything from "chick lit" to science and all over the place, keeps her mind stimulated.


Paulone earned a 4.0 GPA her first semester at Gallaudet. In the ensuing time, her grades have averaged out to 3.8. "I guess I overdid it my first semester," she said, but her tendency to be a high achiever is evident: although she is in the middle of her sophomore year, she is a junior, credit-wise.

To relax during her off-time, Paulone frequently turns to scuba diving. "I certified during



Pia Marie Paulone

CALYPS30 and have fallen in love with the world down there [in the ocean]," she said. "It's partly why I'm studying biology with an emphasis in marine zoology. I just want to be able to wake up in the morning at the beach, put my tank on and go do my research," said Paulone, who plans to certify as a dive master, a professional classification in scuba diving, and get a Ph.D. in marine zoology.

Paulone plays on the volleyball team. Her team last year participated in the Central Athletic Conference, and came from behind and beat other heavily favored schools to advance to the finals. To top it off, Paulone was named the CAC Athlete of the week for September 20 to 26. On October 13, Paulone broke a school record by dishing out 69 assists, surpassing the previous total of 68 held by Brandy Tetzlaff (10/14/97 vs. Goucher). 

Carole Frankel, an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, has been going to France for more than 25 years. While she's there, she cooks American food for her friends, and for years they have encouraged her to write a cookbook on American cuisine.


Frankel has finally acquiesced. The result is *Mes Recettes Américaines: My American Recipes*, by leisure book publisher Minerva, a subsidiary of La Martinière Groupe. The cookbook took a little over two years from inception to completion.

Mes Recettes Américaines takes American recipes and "tweaks them" to French taste, said Frankel. For example, most French people don't like really spicy food, and they tend to avoid fried foods as well, she said.

"The book has your standards plus other recipes that are familiar, such as meatloaf and carrot cake, plus friends' recipes," said Frankel. The Minerva book catalog touts the recipes, saying, "the cuisine reflects the true cultural melting pot," that is America.

The first publisher Frankel approached, in the summer of 2002, accepted her manuscript. Frankel said she was "floored. They asked me immediately to translate 20 recipes into French and said they'd get back to me in October. Hoping for the best, I continued translating a hundred more recipes." Over the Christmas holiday, "I had to make some recipes which would be used for the cover," Frankel remembers, "because the catalog is published in the spring and the book was set to come out in the fall. We did fried chicken and potato salad, barbecued spareribs, chocolate chip cookies and brown-

ies, because most French people know about these American treats." Frankel went back in March 2004 during spring break to do the photography for the entire publication. "Everyday, I would cook four to five different recipes from the cookbook. The stylist said to me, 'It doesn't matter what you make, just make sure its lunch for us!'"

A second cookbook, on brunches, will be published in December. To see (in French, of course) a description and cover of *Mes Recettes Américaines*, go to www.lamartiniere.fr, click on Minerva, then 'nouveauautés', then the book title. 



Carole Frankel



Economic and social challenges facing the European Union—Germany, in particular—were presented before a Gallaudet audience on October 13 by Dr. Hubertus Lauer, a professor for family and child welfare law at the School of Social Work, University of Applied Sciences, in Lüneburg, Germany. Dr. Janice Mitchell, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, interpreted the lecture.

Lauer's presentation was the focus of this year's International Forum on Social Work, which began last year as an outgrowth of the pilot internship program developed by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures in collaboration with the Department of Social Work in hopes of opening up partnership opportunities in Germany for social work students. Lauer's talk was followed by a reception hosted collaboratively by Gallaudet's German and Social Work Club students and their faculty advisors—Dr. Margaret Mullens, Dr. Barbara White, Marcia Schweitzer, and Teresa Arcari. Because this program also has a language component, Gallaudet's German students in basic and advanced courses have been integral in the planning for and hosting of the visitors, professor Lauer, and social work students Till Schiller, Stefanie Richards, and Kai v.d. Brelie. The event, which also was attended by students from Howard University, was sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures and the Department of Social Work.




Administration & Finance

Hybrid SUV debuts on campus

In mid-November, Gallaudet took delivery of a 2005 Ford Escape electricity/gasoline-powered hybrid SUV. The Transportation Department, feeling a responsibility to reduce emissions of its fleet of vehicles, purchased this vehicle in consideration of the U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency clean air programs.

The Ford Escape hybrid was chosen as the University's pilot vehicle because its size provides for more functionality for a University campus. This is the first commercially available SUV hybrid and one of the first in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The Escape combines an electric motor with a 4-cylinder gasoline engine. With that combination, 36 miles per gallon in the city and 31 miles per gallon on the highway are expected. Reportedly, average driving should yield approximately 400-500 miles per tank of gasoline, so it will rarely be seen at the Transportation Department's gas pump. The electric component of the vehicle operates at 0-30 miles per hour when the gasoline engine takes over at about 30 miles per hour. Thus, reduced emissions allow the University to meet strict emissions standards. Additionally, the brake system regenerates the battery charge each time the brake pedal is touched.

The SUV costs approximately \$3,000 more than its non-hybrid counterpart, but it is reported that this hybrid will save more than \$5,500 during the life of the vehicle. Furthermore, the vehicle qualifies for the Clean Fuel Vehicle Tax Credit.

The Ford Escape hybrid should be an excellent addition to the University's fleet—particularly on-campus where the speed limit is 15 miles per hour. The department is pleased with this purchase and committed to a cleaner environment. 

Graduate Education and Extended Learning Associate Dean Robert Johnson makes a presentation about the University's graduate psychology program to prospective students at the Psychology Department's October 27 Graduate School Information Day for Undergraduate Psychology Students. (Pictured with Dr. Johnson are, from left: Dr. Robert Williams and Dr. Patrick Brice, professors in the Psychology Department, Wednesday Luria, coordinator of prospective graduate students, Graduate Education and Extended Learning, and Talibah Buchanan, a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Margery Miller, acting director of the Undergraduate Program, and Dr. Virginia Gutman, department chair, coordinated the program.

